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SUBJECT: ZAMBIA TOURIST PROMOTION IN U. S.

REF: LUSAKA 900, 957, 1092; STATE 98281

1. ONLY FEDERAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS WHICH APPEAR TO BEAR DIRECTLY UPON ZNTB' S PLANS EXPAND INTO TICKET SALES AND TOUR ORGANIZING ARE FOREIGN AGENT' S REGISTRATION ACT, WITH WHICH ZNTB' S NEW YORK OFFICE CURRENTLY IN COMPLIANCE, AND CURRENCY AND FOREIGN TRANSACTIONS REPORTING ACT. DEPARTMENT POUCHING COPIES.

2. PRESUMABLY NEW YORK CITY AND STATE HAVE LAWS AND REGULATIONS WITH WHICH ZNTB WOULD HAVE TO COMPLY. THERE MAY ALSO BE RULES OF PRIVATE ASSOCIATIONS IN THIS FIELD WHICH ZNTB WOULD WISH TO CONSULT. DEPT UNABLE PERFORM RESEARCH IN THIS AREA WHICH EMBASSY MAY WISH SUGGEST IS APPROPRIATE TASK FOR PRIVATE ATTORNEY.

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3. DEPT ALSO POUCHING MEMO WHICH POINTS OUT THAT PROPOSED AREAS OF EXPANSION LIKELY BRING ZNTB NEW YORK OFFICE INTO COMPETITION WITH PRIVATE TRAVEL AGENCIES WHOSE REACTION MIGHT HAVE SOME NEGATIVE EFFECT ON TOURISM TO ZAMBIA.
4. ON QUESTION USG ATTITUDE TOWARD PROPOSED EXPANSION OF ACTIVITIES, EMBASSY MAY INDICATE THAT OVER LONGER TERM, USG WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION ON ASSUMPTION THAT TENSION IN AREA VICTORIA FALLS, WHICH CLEARLY ONE OF PRINCIPAL TOURIST ATTRACTIONS IN ZAMBIA, WILL WANE AND THUS REMOVE POTENTIAL HAZARDS TO AMCIT TOURISTS TRAVELING IN REGION. RUSH

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